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IN REPLY REFER TO:

March 7, 2003

Memorandum

To: Regional Directors, HFC Director, Superintendents

From: Visiting Chief Social Scientist, WASO

Subject: Requests for Visitor Services Project Studies in FY04
Reply due to Regions: April 18, 2003
Reply due to WASO: May 2, 2003

Since 1982, the Visitor Services Project (VSP) has conducted 140 in-depth visitor studies in units of the National Park System. These studies continue to provide in-depth information for parks valuable in planning, operations and better meeting visitors' needs. The enclosed brochure describes the VSP, including the nomination procedure. The VSP information and nomination form can also be accessed on the following Social Science Program web site: <<http://www.nps.gov/socialscience/waso/products.htm>>—electronic submission of the nomination form is preferred. No negative replies are needed.

There are opportunities for up to 10 park studies during FY04. Nominations for FY04 visitor studies should be submitted to the regional VSP points-of-contact listed below by April 18, 2003. A copy of the nomination form is attached. Each regional VSP point-of-contact will forward the prioritized nominations to the attention of Jim Gramann, Visiting Chief Social Scientist, by May 2, 2003.

Regional points-of-contact for VSP nomination process are:

Alaska Region: Lou Waller
Pacific West Region: Peggy Dolinich
Intermountain Region: Neil DeJong
Southeast Region: Don Wollenhaupt

Northeast Region: Kathy Dilonardo
National Capital Region: George Vasjuta
Midwest Region: Tom Richter

The VSP Advisory Committee will meet in Washington, D.C. on May 12, 2003 to review each region's prioritized nominations. Their recommendations will be sent to Mike Soukup, Associate Director of Natural Resource Stewardship and Science, for final approval. Nominated parks will then be notified of their priority for a FY04 visitor study.

Thank you for your continued support and interest in this valuable program.

James Gramann

Attachments: Visitor Study Nomination Form
VSP Brochure